

Table 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1995-2004
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Percent change	
											1995-2004	2003-2004
Total												
Number of victims.....	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	-32.2	-0.3
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	36,590,814	14.1	1.8
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	-40.9	-3.0
White												
Number of victims.....	726	617	547	523	446	421	442	417	444	422	-41.9	-5.0
Percent of total victims..	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%	24.1%	22.2%	20.3%	20.1%	17.4%	18.5%	17.6%		
Population.....	17,593,222	17,787,715	17,849,510	17,258,003	17,339,690	17,421,511	17,503,225	17,573,850	17,635,296	15,967,775	-9.2	-9.5
Percent of population....	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%	51.5%	50.9%	50.3%	49.7%	49.1%	48.5%	43.9%		
Rate.....	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.6	-36.6	4.0
Hispanic												
Number of victims.....	1,615	1,291	1,154	964	909	933	985	1,066	1,053	1,034	-36.0	-1.8
Percent of total victims..	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%	44.4%	45.3%	45.0%	44.8%	44.6%	43.8%	43.2%		
Population.....	9,764,691	10,114,228	10,421,039	10,022,551	10,352,763	10,688,752	11,020,710	11,352,852	11,685,915	12,816,038	31.2	9.7
Percent of population....	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%	29.9%	30.4%	30.8%	31.3%	31.7%	32.1%	35.2%		
Rate.....	16.5	12.8	11.1	9.6	8.8	8.7	8.9	9.4	9.0	8.1	-50.9	-10.0
Black												
Number of victims.....	922	794	682	523	488	589	622	734	713	766	-16.9	7.4
Percent of total victims..	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%	24.1%	24.3%	28.4%	28.3%	30.7%	29.7%	32.0%		
Population.....	2,293,634	2,330,391	2,314,836	2,309,152	2,320,916	2,337,935	2,355,812	2,373,399	2,390,411	2,425,066	5.7	1.4
Percent of population....	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%	6.7%		
Rate.....	40.2	34.1	29.5	22.6	21.0	25.2	26.4	30.9	29.8	31.6	-21.4	6.0
Other												
Number of victims.....	254	198	177	147	157	121	145	166	185	167	-34.3	-9.7
Percent of total victims..	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	7.8%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	7.7%	7.0%		
Population.....	3,537,383	3,631,305	3,709,816	3,916,700	4,059,109	4,205,197	4,353,588	4,502,137	4,651,880	5,167,532	46.1	11.1
Percent of population....	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%	11.7%	11.9%	12.1%	12.4%	12.6%	12.8%	14.2%		
Rate.....	7.2	5.5	4.8	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.7	4.0	3.2	-55.6	-20.0
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	13	10	19	13	6	10	7	9	7	5	-	-
Percent of total victims..	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%		
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Rates are calculated using the population for each subgroup shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the total population.

Population breakdowns by race/ethnic group will not add to total because of variations in population source data.

Dash indicates that the percent of population and rate for the "unknown" category cannot be calculated because there are no unknown race/ethnic group population data.

The "percent of population" category for race/ethnic group was calculated using the sum of the race/ethnic group populations.